

Radiation and Asbestos Control Programs Host April National Conference on Radiation Control

On April 25-28, KDHE's Bureau of Air and Radiation, Radiation and Asbestos Control Program, hosted the 37th annual National Conference on Radiation Control in Kansas City. The theme of this year's conference was "Radiation Protection: Many Partners, Many Challenges."

The Radiation Control Program staff has spent the past four years organizing and preparing for this conference after earning the winning host bid from the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. in May 2001.

The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. (CRCPD) is a nonprofit, non-governmental professional organization dedicated to radiation protection. CRCPD's primary membership is made up of radiation professionals in state and local government who regulate the use of radiation sources.

Anyone with an interest in radiation protection is eligible to join. CRCPD's mission is "to promote consistency in addressing and resolving radiation protection issues, to encourage high standards of quality in radiation protection programs, and to provide leadership in radiation safety and education." CRCPD's primary goal is to make sure radiation exposure to individuals is kept to the lowest practical level, while not restricting its beneficial uses.

The conference included training sessions to provide continuing education in mammography and from the American Association of Physicists in Medicine. Also conference sessions included presentation on homeland security, healing art, environmental issues, international efforts, radon, and presentations from CRCPD working groups.

Ron Hammerschmidt, KDHE's director of environment, delivered the welcoming remarks to the conference. Tom Conley gave a presentation on "NRC/Kansas Coordinated Enforcement Action," and Kim Steves gave a presentation on "Ruby Slippers: The Exercise" during the conference. The Radiation and Asbestos Control Program staff presented three posters during the poster visitation sessions:

- "PET Production Cyclotron Neutron Spectra," by David Whitfill and James Johnson
- "Kansas Radiation Control Program Materials and X-Ray Inspection," by Judee Walden
- "Use of Weighting Factors in Fluoroscopy," by James Harris

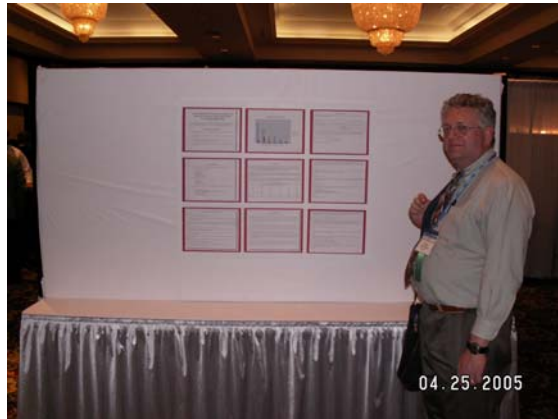
All KDHE radiation staff assisted with support roles to put on the conference. KDHE also received assistance from the radiation programs in Missouri and Nebraska, along with EPA Region 7 staff to provide support at the conference.

More than 350 individuals from across the nation and overseas attended the conference.

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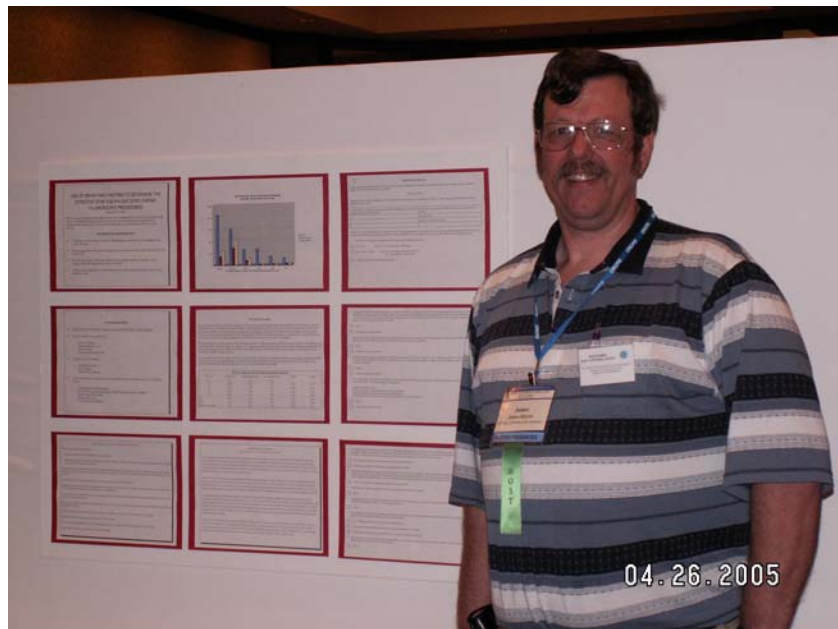
Tom Conley gives a presentation at the CRCPD Conference



David Whitfill and his posters at the CRCPD Conference



Judee Walden with her poster at the CRCPD Conference.



James Harris with his poster at the CRCPD Conference.